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Honorable President Ignacio De La Fuente and
Members of the City Council
City Hall
Oakland, California

Re: Resolution Submitting, On The City Council's Own Motion, To The Electors At The November 4, 2008 Statewide General Election, A Proposed Ordinance Creating A Special Parcel Tax for To Increase Police Personnel And Add A Data Management System; Consolidating The Election With The Statewide General Election; And Directing The City Clerk To Fix The Date For Submission Of Arguments And Provide For Notice And Publication In Accordance With The November 4, 2008, Statewide General Election

[Additional Language Pursuant to Rules and Legislation Committee Motion, July 10, 2008]

Dear President De La Fuente and Members of the City Council:

At the Rules and Legislation Committee meeting of July 10, 2008, the committee moved that the City Attorney's Office draft additional language for consideration by the full City Council.

This language is additional to and would amend the proposed resolution recommended by the Rules and Legislation Committee, dated July 10, 2008 (the "July 10, 2008 Brunner Draft"). Additions to the July 10, 2008 Brunner Draft are designated with underscore, deletions with ~~strikethrough~~.

MINIMUM STAFFING:

Part 2 (page 6)

Section 9. MINIMUM STAFFING

No tax authorized by this Ordinance may be collected in any year as follows:

(A) Until December 31, 2014, (the term of the parcel tax imposed by the Violence Prevention and Public Safety Act of 2004 adopted by the voters on November 2, 2004, hereinafter "Measure Y"), the combined number of police officers and Measure Y officers employed by the City of Oakland is less than 803*.

(B) Commencing January 1, 2015 (after the expiration of term of Measure Y), the number of police officers employed by the City of Oakland is less than 740*.

*For purposes of this section, police officers shall be deemed employed by the City of Oakland if they are employed as a police officer or police officer trainee.

GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEMS:

Part 1, Section 2 (page 2), Findings 7, 8, and 9 is amended to read as follows:

7. Adding additional police officers and police services technicians and a data management system, including Global Positioning Systems ("GPS") is a matter of significant interest to residents of the City of Oakland.

8. Adding additional police officers and police services technicians and a data management system including Global Positioning Systems ("GPS") is crucial to effectively impacting all crime and violence in Oakland, especially drug and gang related homicides, domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and juvenile crime.

9. With the addition of police personnel and a data management system, including global Positioning Systems ("GPS") in police vehicles:

- the Oakland Police Department will be able to reduce response times to calls for service and provide more police in our neighborhoods,
- the Oakland Police Department will be able to better serve crime victims and conduct more efficient and thorough investigations leading to the arrests and convictions of those responsible for committing crimes,
- the Oakland Police Department will be able to improve crime data collection and analysis, enhancing data-driven policing strategies to rapidly identify emerging trends and employ preventative policing,
- the Oakland Police Department will have significantly more capacity focused on reducing homicides and violent crimes, and

the Oakland Police Department will have more resources to dedicate to prevention and education to keep communities safe and keep youth out of gangs, violence and crime.

Section 1. DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REPORTING AND GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEMS.

A data management system (for reference purposes only: COMPSTAT) shall be used during the term of this parcel tax to gather and analyze crime statistics and create reports of essential information. Tax proceeds may be used for purchase of the computer system, updated software, data analysis applications and to fully staff the data management system including, but not limited to, data entry employees and technicians assigned to data analysis such as Administrative Analysts and Systems Analyst. These reports shall be posted on the City of Oakland's website and shall be updated weekly. This data management system shall be implemented within 9 (nine) months of the first collection of this parcel tax.

All Police vehicles shall be outfitted with Global Positioning Systems ("GPS") to track the locations of patrol cars and assist in the effective deployment of police resources.

The Rules and Legislation also requested inclusion of a definition of "administrative cost." The word is already defined in Part 3, Section 1.

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